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SUBJECT:

PLEASE HAND DELIVER

1. MOST POLITICAL SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS DESCRIBE AMERICA'S
UNIQUE SYSTEM OF QUOTE CHECKS AND BALANCES UNQUOTE AS A
TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP THAT IS PURELY GOVERNMENTAL. BUT
THE DIAGRAM IS MORE TRULY A RECTANGLE; THERE IS A FOURTH
AND EQUALLY VALUABLE SIDE -- AN INFORMED, INTERESTED AND
ACTIVE CITIZENRY IS ALSO A NECESSARY INGREDIENT OF A
FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY.

2. INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
MAKE UP THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE
FULFILL THAT VITAL TASK. THE PROCESSES THROUGH WHICH THE
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES PRODUCE THIS COUNTRY'S
IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICIES ARE NOT ONLY AFFECTED BY
YOUR EFFORTS BUT THE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR THEM.

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3. THE SUBSTANTIAL ROLE THAT AMERICANS CAN PLAY AS THEIR GOVERNMENT'S FOURTH CHECK-AND-BALANCE IS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE THEME OF YOUR 1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, QUOTE NEW ISSUES AND UNFINISHED TASKS. UNQUOTE PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE

ROSTER OF SPEAKERS INDICATES THAT THE AICC, AS WELL AS YOUR GOVERNMENT, WILL CONTINUE TO APPROACH SUCH QUESTIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT HAS MARKED OUR MUTUAL ENDEAVORS IN THE PAST.

4. OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS HELPED TO CARRY FORWARD THIS NATION'S HUMANITARIAN TRADITION AND TO PRESERVE A REFUGE FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPERILED BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE STRENGTH OF THEIR OWN CONVICTIONS. THIS REPUBLIC OWES MUCH TO THE ASPIRATIONS AND TALENTS OF SUCH PEOPLE. ON THE EVE OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THIS TRADITION FIRMLY IN MIND AS WE ADDRESS THE NEW ISSUES AND UNFINISHED TASKS BEFORE US.

5. WITH MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ONGOING WORK AND MY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

BEST REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER

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